



The 76th ORC EPLO/CMPO and the 9th MSC participate in DSCA Briefing 101 and execute a tabletop exercise before hurricane season in Hawaii and American Samoa in order to talk through immediate and deliberate response procedures.

# 76th EPLO/CMPO, 9th MSC train for disasters

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HONOLULU — The 76th Operational Response Command’s (ORC) Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (EPLO) Group, the 9th Mission Support Command (MSC), the Homeland Operations Division U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC), the mobilization team USARC, the County and State Emergency Manager, the National Guard, and the American Samoa leadership (video teleconference) participated in a Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) Briefing 101 and Tabletop Exercise, led by Region 9 Civil Military Project Officer (CMPO), Bryce Jones, here, May 21-22.

The objective of the TTX was to practice organizational Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) by reacting to two consecutive Category 4 hurricanes: the first hitting American Samoa and the second hitting the island of Oahu.

The training included “DSCA 101 Training,” understanding of the National Response Framework, and Immediate Response Authority (IRA) interactive vignettes.

Finally, the 9th MSC presented its ex-

ercise base order, executed the tabletop from Phase 0 through Phase 5, and conducted an after-action review to build upon its staffing and DSCA competencies.

“There are two methods for us (Reserve) to get involved: One is Immediate Response Authority, and the other one is a deliberate response,” said Jones. “Save lives, prevent human suffering and mitigate great property damage are the three reasons why we can do Immediate Response Authority; you can’t do it for anything else,” he added. “So, when the local authority comes to you and says he or she needs help, there’s an emergency, if the scenario dictates you’re not saving lives, you’ve got to say no we can’t support.”

Jones coordinated the exercise as a planning and engagement team with Region 10 CMPO, Stacey Christine, and emergency management specialist, Homeland Operations Division, USARC, Robert Stabb.

“The National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 allows Title 10 forces, which means everyone present in this 9th MSC exercise – to provide disaster relief and emergency management via Defense Support of Civil Authorities,” said Col. Er-

nest Litynski, EPLO Group Commander, 76th ORC.

“While Title 10 forces will not be the lead federal agency, we will support the lead agency upon receipt of a formal mission assignment. This allows us to prevent loss of life, human suffering and mitigate loss of property within local communities during catastrophic events,” added Litynski.

“We support the lead agency during National Special Security Events (NSSEs), hurricanes, tornadoes and forest fires on the domestic mainland, regularly. Similarly, the 9th MSC’s support and capabilities for similar DSCA events in the states and territories of the Asia-Pacific realm are of utmost important as well,” he said.

Immediate Response Authority (IRA) support must be requested by civil authority, which refers to an elected or appointed official with decision-making authority. Examples include a mayor or fire chief.

These IRA requests must be evaluated to include receipt of a formal request from local authorities when imminently serious conditions exist, unit resource and personnel availability, and time constraints for approval from higher author-

ity.

“In necessary conditions, when time does not permit obtaining approval from the higher authority within the United States, military commanders and Department of Defense civilian officials may take immediate action to save lives, prevent human suffering and mitigate great property damage,” said Jones.

According to Stabb, if there was a catastrophic event and the unit received an IRA request, the units would go through these six areas (CARRLL) if they are saving lives, preventing human suffering and mitigating property damage. The six areas follow:

- Cost.** Who pays (is assistance reimbursable)?
- Appropriateness.** Is it appropriate for the Army Reserve to conduct (does it prevent human suffering or mitigate great property damage)?
- Readiness.** Does it impact on unit ability to perform primary mission?
- Risk.** Safety of Army Reserve forces and is the environment permissive?
- Legality.** Compliance with the law (e.g., Posse Comitatus Act restrictions)?
- Lethality.** Potential for use of lethal force by or against Army Reserve forces?

# LANPAC symposium, expo includes 26 nations

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HONOLULU — Representatives from 26 of 46 nations throughout the Indo-Asia-Pacific region gathered, here, in Waikiki, to kick off the 4th annual LANPAC Symposium & Exposition, May 24.

The “world-class international event highlights the role of land forces in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region and their contributions to the joint force in peace and war,” according to the website of the event sponsor, the Association of the United States Army.

“This symposium will illustrate the importance of land power in the Pacific, as well as the role of American land forces in engaging allies to build partner capacity and effectiveness in response to requirements of the commander, U.S. Pacific Command,” said retired U.S. Army Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, president, AUSA. “This year’s theme is “Assuring Stability and Security – Strengthening Land Force Teams.”

The three-day symposium provided an opportunity for multiple land forces



Gen. Robert B. Brown (left) honors AUSA president, retired U.S. Army Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, for his 56 years of public service, which include over three decades of active duty service in the Army.

commanders from the U.S. Army-Pacific; U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific; and Special Operations Command Pacific, alongside joint and regional partners, to discuss and showcase the critical role of

Pacific land forces, which extends over an area that spans nearly half the world’s surface area and holds half the world’s population.

“The most important reason for the

Marines to be here ... is to discuss the importance of amphibious operations in this theater throughout the entire range of military operations. We need to make amphibious capability truly joint,” said Lt. Gen. John Toolan, commanding general, MARFORPAC.

The focus of this year’s event concentrated on current regional perspectives; Amphibious Capabilities & Development for Land Forces; Land Force & Maritime Domain Awareness; Readiness: Preparing for War & Preventing Conflict in Phase Zero; Land Forces in Air and Missile Defense & Emerging Capabilities; Force Projection and Sustainment of Land Forces; and Using The Humanitarian Competencies of Land Forces.

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# Fourth annual LANPAC ends with plentiful solutions

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HONOLULU — After three days of collaborative panel discussions on peace, stability and mutual security, along with multiple displays of leading-edge technology, the fourth annual Land Forces Pacific Symposium and Exhibition, here, came to a close, May 26.

With more than 1,600 attendees and nearly 80 industry representatives with interactive displays, 2016 LANPAC continued to show steady growth since its debut in 2013 with 590 in attendance.

Twenty-six nations were represented this year at LANPAC, which is more than half of the U.S. regional partners in the Indo-Asia Pacific region.

LANPAC is a professional development forum sponsored by the Association of

the United States Army Institute of Land Warfare. The symposium and exhibition provided unique opportunities, through panel discussions, for U.S. Army, Department of State, joint and regional partners to discuss the critical roles of the Pacific land forces located in the Indo-Asia Pacific region.

“You don’t want to develop a relationship after a crisis; it may be a little late at that point,” said the U.S. Army-Pacific commanding general, Gen. Robert B. Brown. “Here, we get to share common challenges, and we get to develop solutions together, and you develop these relationships that will pay off in the times of crisis. And, so far, you can tell it has paid off. I haven’t heard dialog this good in my 35 years of going to events like LANPAC.”

Brown also said that teamwork was necessary and critical to ensure everyone is successful throughout the Pacific. He summed up the importance of events like LANPAC using a football analogy.

“Coaches are going to talk plays and strategies, but you have to get on the field at some point,” said Brown, in reference to LANPAC, to a small group of reporters. “You have to scrimmage and work together. It’s the same way you got to talk and get the issues out.

“It’s absolutely critical, and it binds us with our partners. We’re committed and we know our regional partners are committed to peace and prosperity in the Pacific region,” Brown continued. “Some things you can do from a distance, but there’s nothing like being face-to-face in solving challenges and problems.”

The theme for this year’s LANPAC, “Assuring Stability and Security-Strengthening Land Force Teams,” emphasized the purpose of land forces in the Pacific. Brown emphasized that land forces in the Pacific face a complex region with unconventional threats that cross national borders.

“We are all walking away from this symposium inspired to continue the great progress we are achieving in this region where dialog and mutual support are on the rise,” said Brown. “We have a better appreciation for our shared interests, shared challenges and our shared future. And the friendships we established and strengthened these last few days will be the seeds for our continued and close cooperation in the days to come.”





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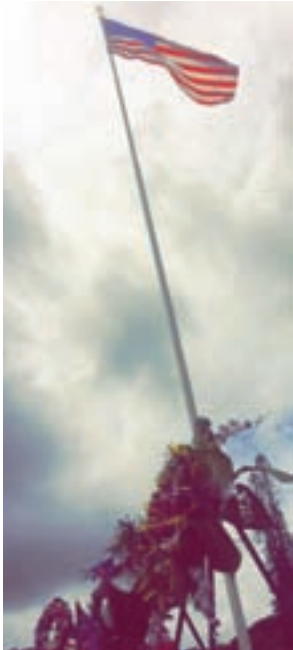
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Above — Several organizations present fresh flower wreaths to honor the fallen at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery during the Memorial Day Remembrance, May 30.



Right — The flag is raised for Memorial Day observances at Schofield Barracks. Similar observances took place at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl and other gatherings, nationwide.

Photos courtesy of Anna Drake

# Memorial Day pays homage to fallen

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**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS —** Reminders of America's long history of sacrifice echoed throughout the nation, Monday.

Ceremonies, conducted in military installations such as this, as well as villages and cities, cemeteries and memorial sites of every variety, each provided a reminder of sacrifices made from an honored past.

**Solemn tribute**

Tributes to the fallen were voiced in both formal ceremonies and with private moments.

At the post cemetery, here, visitors began arriving in the day's early hours to offer respect to individual fallen friends and family members – for veterans, retirees and family members' whose remains are buried at the century-old site.

The gravesites bore lei and miniature American flags. A steady stream continued throughout the morning to individual gravesites.



Photo by Dennis Drake, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs  
**Maj. Gen. Charles Flynn, senior commander, U.S. Army Hawaii, speaks during the Memorial Day Remembrance held at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery, May 30.**

**Remembrance**

Later in the morning, at the formal Memorial Day commemoration, Maj. Gen. Charles A. Flynn, commander, U.S. Army Hawaii and 25th Infantry Division, in formal remarks, underscored the need to salute and honor all members of the armed forces throughout the country's history.

“Our memorials, our cemeteries, our monuments and our museums serve as proof to our children and future generations that men and women of great character, from all walks of life, left their homes and were willing to give their lives to secure the rights and freedoms of others,” Flynn said. “So, today, let us pay tribute and honor those who

gave the full and final measure.”

The remembrance ceremony was conducted under a threatening spring sky. Army veterans from the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Disabled Veterans of America and Veterans of Foreign Wars all laid wreaths around the base of the cemetery flagpole.

A national salute followed, and was offered by Command Sgt. Maj. Scott A. Brzak, 25th Infantry Division senior enlisted adviser.

A rifle detail of seven delivered a three-volley salute, followed by the raising of the flag from half-mast to the top of the flagpole and concluded the solemn 25-minute commemoration with a single bugler playing Taps.

Earlier in the ceremony, Flynn offered a quote from President Abraham Lincoln that gave summation for the need for an annual Memorial Day, and for this type of commemoration: “Any nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure.”

# Close KMC community shows its big heart

Story and photos by

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**KILAUEA MILITARY CAMP, Hawaii —** The small, tight-knit community, here, in Volcano National Park, commemorated Memorial Day with an emotion-

al ceremony that paid homage to those who died in service to the country, Monday.

Ultimately, the ceremony was of, and for, the local community to remember the fallen.

“The significance of this ceremony shows how long the Army has been serving on this island,”

said Air Force veteran Charlie Mapa, master of ceremonies for the fourth year in a row, adding that his grandfather served in the same Army battalion “made up of mostly sugarcane workers” who built the camp a hundred years ago. “When I think of the centennial of KMC, I think

about my grandfather and our veterans.”

Like most of the other volunteers who made the ceremony possible at this outpost on the edge of an active volcano, Mapa doesn't work for the Army and

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# Hopefully, you remembered, didn't forget our 'heroes'

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In Marvel's introductory movie, “Captain America: The First Avenger,” Steve Rogers is rejected for military duty during World War II because of health and physical problems.

While attending a showing of technologies with his friend, Sgt. Barnes, Rogers is overheard in a conversation about wanting to help in the war. Rogers is finally allowed to enlist and is recruited into the Strategic Scientific Reserve as part of an experiment to make Rogers a super soldier.

However, many of the scientists and promoters of this test are not convinced that Rogers (later Captain America) is the best person for this process, for Rogers must undergo a procedure that will change his life. But the movie also shows Rogers, who in spite of physical deficiencies, behaves with courage and bravery. It is



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these acts that turn Rogers into a superhero.

Perhaps it's only fitting to talk about Captain America as we recall Memorial Day. Captain America is a person

who is portrayed in movies and the comics as a “war hero” who wears the colors of the flag and fights battles on our behalf.

It is Captain America's patriotism that draws us into rooting for a person who guards the values of freedom that the nation has fought so hard to maintain. That sense of duty is the same sense of obligation that all our veterans share.

It is the service in World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf and Overseas Contingency Operations that gives us a camaraderie that can never be broken.

As Soldiers, veterans and

survivors of war, we had an opportunity on Memorial Day (as well as all other days) to honor our fallen comrades and mourn those who gave their life for their country.

In the latest movie, “Captain America: Civil War,” the film has an appropriate title to what often happens in our own life when we fight battles within ourselves.

By definition, civil war means war between parties, factions or inhabitants of different regions within the same nation. For many of our veterans, we fight battles – physical, spiritual and emotional skirmishes that war inside of us – and those clashes seem far too close.

Go to any military hospital, and you'll see Soldiers going through years of difficult bouts of physical therapy sustained during combat or having a difficult time experiencing solace through counseling as they remember the brutal realities of war and seeing a brother or sister in arms who gave his/her life

for the nation ... and for us.

The veterans of war will never be the same, but they don't have to be the same. The courage of those who have gone before us brings to us hope that whatever befalls us, it can be overcome.

In remembering the sacrifices of all who served in military service, let us also remember the stories of veterans who, through perseverance, learned to walk again with a prosthetic leg, or the veteran who courageously deals with the realities of war and learns to love again.

Some veterans come home with memories that will haunt them, but remember – freedom is never free and it always costs.

Our hope this past Memorial Day was to remember what “we” have: family, friends and God.

We need to always hold close that which is dear to us, so say a prayer of thank you to your “hero.” You will never be forgotten.

# Voices of O'hana

In celebration of National Trails Day on June 4, we asked,  
**“Where is your favorite trail and why?”**  
by Christine Cabalo, Oahu Publications



“I like Judd Trail and Jackass Ginger Pool. There beautiful streams and pretty ginger.”

**Mary Elizabeth Alvior**  
Military and Family Life Counselor



“My favorite is Waimano Trail in Pearl City. You can see a hidden waterfall, and going through the tunnels is fun.”  
**Sgt. LaShunza Downey**  
536 Support Maint. Co., 25th Sust. Bde., 25th ID



“I like Diamond Head Trail. It's a surreal view with the ocean and city.”  
**Pvt. Leonardo Garcia**  
558th MP Co. 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Bde, 8th TSC



“My favorite is Lanikai or Pillbox Trail. I love the view. You see almost the whole island from the top.”  
**Spc. Alexandra Minth**  
U.S. Army Health Clinic, Schofield Barracks



“Personally, my favorite is Koko Head Crater trail. I like the view, since you can see Diamond Head and the bay.”  
**Spc. Shane Rodriguez**  
Alpha Co., 209th Aviation Support Bn., 25th CAB, 25th ID



# Marquez takes command of USAG-Pohakuloa

**U.S. ARMY GARRISON-POHAKULOA**  
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POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA — Braving chilly, sometimes heavy rain, members of the Big Island community and a large contingent of Army VIPs filled the post theater almost to capacity to welcome incoming U.S. Army Garrison-Pohakuloa commander Lt. Col. Christopher Marquez and bid farewell to Lt. Col. Jacob Peterson at a change of command ceremony, here, Wednesday.

Marquez assumed command of PTA after a deployment to Grafenwoehr, Germany, where he organized and synchronized Theater Security Cooperation training in the Baltic and Black Sea regions.

During the ceremony, he accepted the unique challenge of working at the remote post. He thanked the community for its support and the PTA staff for their warm welcome to his new command.

PTA is an important training area, and while run by the Army, it is a joint train-

ing environment that has grown significantly in mission over the past 15 years.

“The PTA commander’s challenge is to involve the community through communication, learning and understanding,” Col. Richard Fromm, commander, US-AG-Hawaii said. “With that framework, everyone gains a perspective and learns from each other. By doing so, we cultivate an environment of mutual respect.”

When he took command, Peterson’s friends all congratulated him on the assignment, assuming he’d spend the next two years surfing and hunting, but it didn’t turn out that way. During his tenure, the difficult task of organizing and improving the facilities and ranges fell to him.

“It was more important for me to ensure our warfighters had the best training facility (than enjoying the island’s many recreational activities),” Peterson said.

Peterson, who commanded PTA since June 2014, also singled out and thanked

members of Combat Logistics Battalion 3 who were also in attendance at the ceremony. The battalion is a Marine Corps construction unit and provided significant support.

Peterson, was praised by a local hunters’ group that took the time to go through channels and surprise him with a name plaque to be placed at a designated hunting spot to be know henceforth as “Peterson’s Post,” complete with proper signage approved by the PTA Directorate of Public Works.

Army leaders in attendance included Dr. Christine Altendorf, director, Installation Management Command-Pacific; Maj. Gen. Charles Flynn, commander, 25th Infantry Division; and Brig. Gen. Kenneth Hara, Hawaii Army National Guard.

**Lt. Col. Christopher Marquez (center) accepts command of USAG-Pohakula from outgoing commander Lt. Col. Jacob Peterson (left), Wednesday.**



Photo by Hawaii Army Weekly

## MEMORIAL: KMC salutes fallen

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was there in support of fellow vets.

“It’s important to honor our veterans,” Mapa said.

The day began with clear blue skies, but an hour before the ceremony, the 3 p.m. ceremony was hastily moved indoors for the mostly older audience as a chilly rain began to fall minutes before it was to begin.

A color guard of Lyman Field Composite Civil Air Patrol cadets, aided by members of the KMC staff, and a few gray-haired and bearded veterans led by the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s senior enlisted adviser, all pitched in to ensure the ceremony during the 100th anniversary of the camp took place.

The USAG-HI command team of Col. Richard Fromm and Command Sgt. Maj. Louis Felicioni added gravitas to the ceremony by their presence, with Fromm providing the keynote address.

“Today we gather here at KMC and at American cemeteries around the world to remember America’s sons and daughters who have sacrificed everything in the defense of our nation,” Fromm said. “On



**Volunteer bagpiper Ray Dustin plays a moving rendition of “Amazing Grace” at the Memorial Day observance, Monday.**

each Memorial Day, America is reminded of these selfless individuals — America’s quiet heroes. As Gen. Douglas MacArthur said, “The Soldier above all other people prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.”

Also in attendance was Dr. Christine T. Altendorf, director, Installation Management Command-Pacific, who thought the KMC ceremony important enough to include it in her busy schedule before attending the USAG-Pohakuloa change of command ceremony, Wednesday.

Two of the observance’s volunteers, both named Raymond, added unique and local musical touches. Retired Army Brig. Gen. Raymond Gandy and Army veteran Raymond Dustin served as bugler and piper, respectively.

Years ago, when he retired, Gandy took up the bugle of a late cousin, Air Force Capt. Bill Reaves, a combat pilot and Vietnam veteran, despite having never played before. Gandy learned so that he could honor the fallen with an unrecorded rendition of taps, and at his request, he wasn’t identified as a former general officer to those in attendance.

“I enlisted in ’66 and retired as a brigadier general in 2000,” Gandy said. “It’s Ray Gandy the Vietnam vet playing the trumpet, not the general.”

Dustin was a non-Morse cryptographic interceptor in Alaska during the Vietnam era. This was his fourth time playing “Amazing Grace” for Memorial Day at KMC. His somber pipes following Gandy’s “taps” concluded the event.

Local resident Mae Stillson attended the ceremony in remembrance of her



**CAP cadets of the Lyman Field Composite Squadron, Hilo, post the colors to open the ceremony.**

brother, Pfc. Michael S. Mitchell, 173rd Airborne Brigade. He’d volunteered for the Army and was subsequently killed in combat in Vietnam during the prelude to one of the major battles of the war. Even though it was half a century ago, she still had a difficult time keeping her emotions in check as she explained why she felt it important to honor him.

“My brother fell on July 10 (1967), at Dak To,” she said, holding back her tears. “He was 20 years and 20 days old. He’s got three generations of nieces who remember him now.”

# ‘Broncos’ combat sexual assault, harassment

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — “Bronco” Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, participated in the Sexual Harassment/Assault and Response Program (SHARP) Ambassador Course, here, May 24-26.

More than a dozen Soldiers, from the ranks of private to sergeant, volunteered for the three-day course to become involved with combating sexual harassment and assault.

Master Sgt. Abina A. Riley, sexual assault response coordinator (SARC), 3rd BCT, 25th ID, said the purpose of the course was to involve junior Soldiers, under the rank of staff sergeant, who would be otherwise ineligible as SHARP representatives. These individuals are titled SHARP Ambassadors.

“The SHARP Ambassador program helps Soldiers be able to go back to their units and talk about SHARP down to their level with their battle buddies,” Riley said.

She explained the SHARP Ambassadors would be able to speak to their bat-



Sgt. Angelica Lawson (left), motor transport operator, Co. A, 325th BSB, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, asks a question during the SHARP Ambassador Course at the 3rd BCT training classroom at Schofield Barracks, May 24.

tle buddies on understanding bystander intervention, what to do if someone was sexually assaulted or harassed, and have a peer next to them that they can actually talk to first.

“We want to implement the program in the brigade and see how the Soldiers

take to it,” she said, “see how they get involved in SHARP and how when they go back to their unit are they really going to have a conversation with their peers.”

This was the first iteration of the Ambassador Course to be held by the Bronco brigade.

“I’m hoping to get about 20 to 25 Soldiers per quarter,” Riley said. “At the end of the course, they get a certificate of achievement from the brigade commander welcoming them to the SHARP program and telling them now they are SHARP Ambassadors.”

One of the first Soldiers to participate in the course, Sgt. Angelica Lawson, motor transport operator, Company A, 325th Bde. Support Battalion, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, said she found it refreshing to participate in the course from a personal perspective.

“I went through a sexual harassment case, and I didn’t know that much about SHARP,” Lawson said. “A lot of people don’t know much about SHARP, so I want to get that information ... in case something like that happens again. If it does, I know exactly the right steps of where I need to go to solve or even try to prevent it from happening to my Soldiers or to my battle buddies or even my friends outside of the military.”

Spc. Jason Bride, intelligence analyst, Co. D, 29th Bde. Engineer Bn., 3rd BCT, 25th ID, said he volunteered to become a better asset in his unit’s SHARP program.



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**June**

**3 / Friday**

**USAG-HI CoC** — Col. Stephen E. Dawson assumes command of U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii at 10 a.m., on Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks, from Col. Richard A. Fromm.

Also, Command Sgt. Maj. Lisa C. Piette-Edwards takes responsibility as senior enlisted adviser from Command Sgt. Maj. Louis Felicioni.

The awards ceremony begins at 9:45 a.m.

**4 / Saturday**

**HUREX** — U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii will be conducting its annual hurricane exercise June 4-14. The key objective is to prepare all installations for the hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to Dec. 1.

The HUREX also tests disaster preparedness plans and procedures and tests alert procedures and communications.

**8 / Wednesday**

**8th MPs** — Col. Shannon-Mikal Lucas assumes command of the 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, at 8:30 a.m., from Col. Duane Miller, at Hamilton Field, Schofield Barracks.

Also, Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa Duncan assumes responsibility as

senior enlisted adviser from Command Sgt. Maj. Angelia Flournoy.

**10 / Friday**

**Birthday Commemoration** — U.S. Army-Pacific will celebrate the 241st Army birthday commemoration at Hilton Hawaii Village, June 10th. Military should wear dress blues or mess, and civilians should wear formal evening attire. Call 438-6361 for more details.

**13 / Monday**

**USS Arizona** — From today through June 26, the dock for the USS Arizona Memorial will be dismantled and replaced. Visitors will not be able to disembark, but a boat ride to observe the memorial will still be available. All other visitor services will remain unchanged.



Advisories from Army and Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) sources. Visit [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/info/trafficalendar.htm](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/info/trafficalendar.htm) for up-to-date advisories.

**Today**

**Click It or Ticket** — Hawaii’s annual Click It or Ticket campaign runs through June 5 to remind all drivers and passengers to buckle up. The goal of the campaign is to save lives.

**TAMC** — A road closure for Jarrett-White Road continues weekdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., until June 17 at Tripler Army Medical Center to restore damage to the road surface, curb and gutter.

Emergency vehicles will have access through the closure.

**Lane Closure** — One lane will be closed at Schofield’s Menoher Road, between Hewitt and Parrish Street, weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., until June 22. (No holiday work is scheduled.) The additional work is for a water line connection at Menoher Road.

During this time, work will include water line connection and curb and cutter pour and placement. Cones and flag personnel will be on-site for this work. Traffic will be stopped for pedestrians to walk around the work area.

**Lane Closure** — There will be a lane closure on Schofield’s Sargent Street

next to Bldg. 690, for water main excavation. Sargent will be restricted to one-lane access until June 23.

During all construction, the contractor will have all appropriate signs and barriers for closing each side of the roadway.

- Phase II: June 2-9,
- Phase III: June 9-21,
- Phase IV: June 21-23.

**June**

**4 / Saturday**

**Cool PM** — The garrison’s Public Works Air Conditioner Shop will conduct preventive maintenance on all of Schofield’s cooling towers to help prevent trouble calls. Work will be performed 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

During this maintenance, the cooling will be off in K Quad.





Photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas G. Collins, 500th MI Bde. Public Affairs  
**Spc. Reed S. Petersen, intelligence/electronic warfare technician, 205th MI, removes wires from the TROJAN satellite communications system during the battalion’s joint FTX, May 24.**

# 205th MI tests its capabilities w/FTX

**2ND LT. DIEGO ALONSO**

205th Military Intelligence Battalion Public Affairs  
500th MI Brigade

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers from the 205th Military Intelligence Battalion conducted a multidiscipline joint field training exercise, May 19-24, at the Pacific Foundry Academy and other areas, here.

The FTX tested Soldiers’ abilities to conduct all-source analysis and production, counterintelligence and human intelligence from a deployed environment.

In keeping with the Army’s future operating concept, the battalion hosted Australian Army intelligence analysts from 1st Intel. Bn. to participate alongside 205th MI Soldiers.

“This culminating training event, close to a year in the making, was an important way for us to exercise our most likely expeditionary responsibilities in support of a Pacific contingency operation and build upon an already strong relationship with our Australian partners,” explained Lt. Col. James Cogbill, commander, 205th MI Bn.

The intelligence analysts mobilized the Deployable Intelligence Support Element to the field training site and conducted around-the-clock, real-world analysis in support of U.S. Army-Pacific.

The analyst portion of the FTX culminated in a collaborative product between both nations that was briefed to the Deputy Commanding General-North, Australian Army Maj. Gen. Gregory Bilton, U.S. Army-Pacific Intelligence, and Australian Army representatives by video teleconference in both countries.

“It’s the first instance that we are training on U.S. intelligence systems as a group,” said Lt. Tom Murray of Australia’s 1st Intel. Bn.

“The relationship between 205th MI Bn. and 1st Intel. is really about increasing integration, sharing information and sharing professional development,” he added.

Soldiers exercised their specific skill set in a humanitarian assistance/disaster relief scenario at the Foundry in A Quad.

The scenario involved teams deploying to a Southeast Asian country after an earthquake decimated an island and left the government vulnerable to an overthrow. Soldiers conducted counterintelligence, screening, interrogation and source operations to identify threats to relief efforts and threats to government stability.

“This type of FTX provided us with the opportunity to be more familiar with the countries in our area of operation,” said Spc. Nathan St. Croix, a human intelligence collector, Company C, 205th MI Bn., 500th MI Brigade. “It gave us context to know how effectively we would operate as a team during a humanitarian assistance/disaster relief event.”

*(Review the rest of this story online at [www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com](http://www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com).)*



## PAU HANA

"When work is finished."



Staff Sgt. Rivera Jesus, assigned to the 325th Brigade Support Battalion, ties a bow around a lei at the Wahiawa District Park, May 27. The Soldiers of the 325th BSB worked with the Wahiawa Rainbow Seniors to produce nearly 1,900 lei to be placed on the headstones at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery on Memorial Day.



Linda Hirano, a Wahiawa Rainbow Seniors volunteer, left, shows Army Pfc. Vanessa Sheika how to make a lei from a ti leaf in Honolulu, May 27. The senior citizens group and Soldiers assigned to the 25th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team made nearly 1,900 lei to place on headstones at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery for Memorial Day.

# 'Broncos,' seniors make Memorial Day a lei day

Story and photos by

**STAFF SGT. ARMANDO R. LIMON**

3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs  
25th Infantry Division

WAHIAWA — "Bronco" Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, worked alongside seniors from the Wahiawa Rainbow Seniors club to produce lei at the Wahiawa District Park, here, May 27.

The civic-minded seniors handcrafted the lei to be placed on the headstones at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery.

"Every year, we meet up during the entire month of May to create ti leaf lei and later flower lei for the Schofield cemetery," said David Seeholzer, Rainbow Seniors vice president.

About 50 seniors begin their endeavor on the first Friday in May making basic ti leaf lei, and every Friday leading up to the last Friday before Memorial Day, Seeholzer added.

## Joining in

This was the first time Soldiers assigned to the 3rd BCT's 325th Brigade Support Battalion and the 29th Bde. Engineer Bn. participated in the annual lei making.

"It's great to see the Soldiers," Seeholzer said. "You know we in Wahiawa see Schofield as essentially part of the community. The Soldiers are very respected by the locals. I think in large part, the locals are very respected by the Soldiers. It's a nice symbiotic relationship, which is good for

everybody."

Pfc. Vanessa Sheika, Co. A, 325th BSB, worked alongside Linda Hirano, a Wahiawa Rainbow Seniors volunteer, to learn how to make ti leaf lei.

"It's interesting learning actually how to make this stuff, and it's fun," Sheika said. "I'm honored to work with them."

Another volunteer, Staff Sgt. Rivera Jesus, Co. A, 325th BSB, helped to tie bows on hundreds of lei and placed them inside boxes for pickup by representatives from Schofield Barracks garrison.

Jesus said he wanted to join with the members of the Wahiawa Rainbow Seniors and become involved on how the local community honored Memorial Day.

"I'm honored to help out," he said. "This is a nice experience to actually involve yourself to help the senior citizens to do this and have this as a recognition of the fallen Soldiers to celebrate Memorial Day."

It wasn't only currently serving members in the Army, but those who had served decades ago, who participated in the lei making event.

Richard Sato, an 87-year-old Rainbow Seniors and former paratrooper once assigned to the 11th Airborne Division at Sendai, Japan, during the Occupation of Japan, had spent the month producing hundreds of ti leaf lei.

"I didn't fire a shot in anger or anything like that. I served from 1946 to 1949," Sato said.

He said making lei was an annual event he wouldn't miss for the world and did his part to celebrate the lives of those who gave all.

When seeing the Bronco Soldiers working alongside the volunteers of the Wahiawa Rainbow Seniors, Sato said he "felt proud seeing the Soldiers working to help honor their fallen comrades on Memorial Day."

**Left — Richard Sato, a Wahiawa Rainbow Seniors volunteer, rolls a ti leaf that will bused a finished lei at the Wahiawa District Park, May 27. Sato was a former U.S. Army paratrooper assigned to the 11th Airborne Division at Sendai, Japan, during the Occupation of Japan in the 1940s. The lei he helped to make were placed on the headstones at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery on Memorial Day.**



Soldiers assigned to the 325th BSB (bottom half) tie bows around lei at the Wahiawa District Park, May 27. The Soldiers worked with the Wahiawa Rainbow Seniors to produce nearly 1,900 lei to be placed on the headstones at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery on Memorial Day.

# 1-14th finds new respect for Hawaiian military culture

**CAPT. KATIE RICHESIN**

2nd Brigade Combat Team Civil Affairs  
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Waikiki has the reputation of being the center of tourism on Oahu and offers one of the most popular beaches in the world.

Its idyllic backdrop and soft ocean waves make it the dream of many people around the world to come and visit.

It is easy to forget that in 1795, Waikiki was the site of King Kamehameha's invasion to unite the Hawaiian Islands.

1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, explored Waikiki, Punchbowl and the Pali cliffs, looking at them from a different viewpoint.

## Tactically speaking

"Being able to see the tactics the Hawaiians used helped us in our own battle drills," said Staff Sgt. Scott Simpson, an Alpha Company squad leader. "I have a new level of respect for the Hawaiian culture."

"The battle of Nu'uuanu is important because of where we live," said Staff Sgt. Richard Dyal, an A Co. platoon sergeant. "The local community has deep ties to those who were in the battle, and it is important to understand their history."

The A Co. Soldiers prepared to make the most of their time while visiting the battle sites. They began with a 45-minute video and researched different parts of the battle. A total of 33 Soldiers participated in the training



Photos by Staff Sgt. Scott Simpson, Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment. Soldiers assigned to Alpha Company, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., 25th ID, pose on Pali Cliffs where the conclusion of the Nu'uuanu Battle took place.

ensuring their junior and senior Soldiers were involved in this professional development opportunity.

"As a leader, it was good to get Soldiers involved in something they would not normally do," Dyal stated. "The junior Soldiers were able to join in the discussion and build confidence."

"Because we went over a broad

overview, they were able to see the bigger picture. It also allowed work on their communication skills. It was a good learning environment because they were around their peers," Simpson said.

The company also enlisted the aid of Professor Brendon Bliss, Hawaii Pacific University, to expand upon the company's self-study.



Brenden Bliss, a Hawaii Pacific University professor (second right), joins Alpha Co., 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., 25th ID, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific to discuss the main defenses and strategy of the Oahu allies.

"Written history is vague. Having someone who studied the culture and battle helped clear up what actually happened," Simpson said.

The battle had approximately 25,000 warriors. Comparatively, the Battle of Bunker Hill had only 5,400 Soldiers involved. This makes the Battle of Nu'uuanu one of the largest battles in the world at the time.

"I have a new level of respect for culture on the island. Their history is as colorful as those in the lower 48," Simpson said.





**Today**  
**Family Child Care Provider New Applicant Brief** — Enjoy children? Want to work at home while raising your own children? The CYSS Family Child Care (FCC) program is seeking energetic individuals to provide child care in their homes. Learn more at the New Applicant Brief held 9-11 a.m. at 730 Leilehua Ave., Bldg. 645. Call 655-8373.

**Command Scramble Golf** — Monthly event cost is \$50 per player, and price includes green/cart fee, free driving range balls, door prizes, flight prizes, pupus and two Mulligans per player. Contact Leilehua Golf Course at 655-4653 to register.  
Registration will also be held on the day of the event, unless the event is already sold out at Leilehua Golf Course, 199 Leilehua Road, Wahiawa.

**Grill Your Own Steak Night** — Grill your own steak, from 3-8 p.m., at the FS Hale Ikena on Mulligan’s lanai. Call 438-6712 or 438-1974.

**Hot Country Night Social** — Come to Tropics for a rootin’ tootin’ night that includes a lasso contest, bull ride contests for men and women, hog calling and, of course, line dancing, 6:30-11:30 p.m. Country Western attire suggested with a best dress country western couple competition. Call 655-5698.

**4 / Saturday**  
**Adventure Stand-Up Paddle Boarding 101** — Learn the art of stand up paddleboarding with Outdoor Recreation on the Anahulu River on the North Shore of Oahu and other locations, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The ODR will provide the transportation (up to 12 people), equipment and instruction. Life vest are required. Participants are asked to bring water, snacks and sunscreen. Call 655-0143.

**Fort Shafter Auto Skills Center Closure** — The FS Auto Skills Center will be closed on Saturday, June 4, due to a scheduled power outage. The SB Auto

# Commissary website shows upcoming sales

KEVIN L. ROBINSON  
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — If commissary shopping were a college course, Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Stuart M. Allison would be an “A” student.

“The best way to use the commissary benefit is to be an informed shopper,” said Allison, the senior enlisted adviser to the Defense Commissary Agency’s director.

“Commissaries.com is one of my family’s most visited websites,” he said. “We log in on Mondays to the Exclusive Savings section under the Sales and Events page to see what fruits and vegetables will be on sale. We also follow the commissary on Facebook. When the new sales promotional packages come out, we log in, authenticate our information and find out what additional savings are available every two weeks.”

Like Allison, a growing number of commissary patrons are using www.commissaries.com to help them maximize their savings before they shop. The phased worldwide rollout of in-store Wi-Fi services is steadily expanding customer access to the agency’s Internet resources, and it will be complete by November.

## More Online

Here are some website highlights accessible from the menu bar at the top of the www.commissaries.com homepage:

•**Locations tab.** Check store hours, sales dates and special events on their store’s individual Web pages. Shoppers can also obtain local store news, telephone numbers, email addresses and directions to their commissary.

•**Shopping tab.** Sales and Events page features the commissary sales flyer. See the biweekly sales flyer with discounted products. The Sales and Events page also contains a link to coupons, lists of new products and additional discounts from commissary vendors.

•**Customer Service tab.** Voice concerns or compliments from your latest shopping experience, access FAQs dealing with general areas of the commissary benefit or vendors can inquire about doing business with DeCA.

Visit www.commissaries.com.



Skills Center will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 655-9368.

**Texas Hold’em Poker** — Sign up at Tropics by 6 p.m. for a night of cards, drinks and food! Cost is \$10 service charge. Win Exchange gift cards of \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place. Newly renovated Tropics is located at Foote Ave., Bldg. 589. Call 655-5698.

**Movies On the Lawn** — Enjoy a free family movie, “Finding Nemo,” in addition to fun, food, games and crafts, 6-9 p.m., SB Weyand Field. Wear a colorful mask and bright clothing to take part in the costume parade and “Fish Tank” photo. Come early to set up your blankets and chairs.

Outside picnic coolers are welcome and cash-only food/beverages will be available. Please no glass or alcoholic beverages. Call 655-0002.

**5 / Sunday**  
**Sunday Brunch** — Savor roasted prime rib with a peppercorn and garlic crust, along with exquisite dishes infused from the Pacific Rim, Asia and Hawaii nouveau at the FS Hale Ikena. Call 438-1974.

**PS4 Tournament** — Do you have game? Come to Tropics every Sunday and play Madden 16. Sign-up begins at 11a.m., games begin at 11:30 a.m. No participation fee. Call 655-5698.

**6 / Monday**  
**Employment Orientation** — New to the island and looking for employment? This class will orient you to employment opportunities on Oahu, 10-11:30 a.m., SB ACS, Bldg. 2091. Learn about spousal preference and the priority placement program for spouses (PPP-S) seeking federal employment. Information offered on civilian sector opportunities, contractors, resume writing classes, career fairs and opportunities to further your career and education. Call 655-4227 to learn more or to register.

**Army Family Team Building** — AFTB Level K “Military Knowledge” training focuses on knowledge of military and Army programs, Army acronyms, community resources, and personal & family preparedness, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., June 6 and 7 at the SB Education Center. Call ACS at 655-4227 for more information or to register.

**7 / Tuesday**  
**Anger & Conflict Solutions** — Learn the basic foundations of anger awareness. Identify personal anger cues as well as ways to de-escalate conflict situations, noon-1 p.m., the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at SB ACS, Bldg. 2091. Call 655-4ACS for more information or to register.

**Mexican Cuisine Lunch Buffet** — Tuesday buffet, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at FS Hale Ikena. Features beef tacos w/fixings, chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, buttered corn, soup and salad for \$10.95. Call 438-1974.

**Taco Tuesday** — Every Tuesday night, SB Kolekole Bar & Grill features three tacos, rice and beans dinner for only \$4.99 at 1249 Kolekole Ave. Call 655-4466.

**8 / Wednesday**  
**Play Mornings at ACS** — Meet other parents, share information and parenting tips, and give your infant/toddler a chance to interact with other children in a safe, structured and nurturing environment, 10-11 a.m., on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at SB ACS. Call 655-4227 to register.

tion Center. Admission is free.

**5 / Sunday**  
**Polo** — The Hawaii Polo Club season is underway on the North Shore at Moku-leia with matches every Sunday through Sept. 4. The parking lot opens at 11 a.m.; matches begin at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$10-\$25. Visit Hawaii-polo.org or call 220-5153.

**“Promises, Promises”** — The Neil Simon/Burt Bacharach vintage 1960’s musical comedy continues a three-week run at Diamond Head Theatre, through June 5. Call 733-0274 or visit diamond-headtheatre.com.

**Keiki Sunday** — Sea Life Park features the often-misunderstood world of sharks, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Two children, 3-12 years old, will receive free entry with each paying adult.

In addition to enjoying access to Sea Life Park’s shows and animal exhibits, keiki can also take part in special activities featured throughout the day, including special exhibits and demonstrations about sharks, arts and crafts, and live entertainment. Call 259-2500 or visit www.sealifeparkhawaii.com.

**11 / Saturday**  
**King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade** — One of the

state’s largest parades begins at King and Richards streets, 9 a.m., and ends at Kapiolani Park. Participants include 6,000 marchers, 50 vehicles, 10 floats and 8 bands. Visit http://hawaii.gov/dags/king\_kamehameha\_commission.

**Sports Physicals and Immunizations** — Back-to-school walk-in check-ups at the TAMC Family Medicine Clinic are available, 8 a.m.-noon, June 11 & 25 and July 9 & 23. Bring military IDs and immunization records. Open to all TAMC Medicine Clinic enrollees ages 4-18. Call for a scheduled appointment at 433-2778.

**Sgt. Smith Theater** — Advance screening of “Central Intelligence,” 4 p.m., will be held at the SB theater. Doors open at 2 p.m., with tickets available at the Schofield Food Court. Call 237-4502.

**12 / Sunday**  
**Adolescent Summer School/Sports Physicals** — Sunday appointments available for ages 4-11 on June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24 and Aug. 7 & 21 at TAMC Pediatrics. For adolescents, ages 12-plus, appointments are available on June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24 and Aug. 14 & 21. Schedule at Central Appointments, 433-6697.

**18 / Saturday**  
**Sea Life Park** — The USO

Hawaii will host a free event for military members and their families from 3 to 9 p.m., Saturday, June 18th, at Sea Life Park. Go and enjoy an evening out at the 4th Annual Twilight Tribute to the Troops.

The park will be closed to the public, food will be available for purchase, and continuous parking shuttles will run from Bellows AFS. Call 422-1213 for more details.

**Honolulu BBQ and Blues Festival** — Hilton Hawaiian Village hosts this festival celebrating barbecue, hosted by three-time world champion Pitmaster Myron Mixon, 3-9 p.m., including smoked southern-style hog, smoked turkey and a variety of southern barbecue sides and a Georgia-inspired dessert station. Admission is \$20, \$10 with valid military ID, \$30 at the door. Children under 15 are free. Visit www.hiltonhawaiianvillage.com/bbq.

**Family Fishing** — Ho’omaluhia Botanical Garden in Kaneohe hosts this free catch and release family event, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. Bring walking shoes, insect repellent, rain gear and fishing bait (fresh white bread). A limited number of bamboo poles are available to borrow on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a 20-minute hike to the fishing area. For information/reservations, call 233-7323.

## worship Services

Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil). (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu.)

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| AMR:  | Aliamanu Chapel                      |
| FD:   | Fort DeRussy Chapel                  |
| HMR:  | Helemano Chapel                      |
| MPC:  | Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks |
| PH:   | Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor    |
| SC:   | Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks |
| TAMC: | Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel   |
| WAAF: | Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel         |

**Buddhist Services**  
• First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD  
• Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

**Catholic Mass**  
• Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR  
• Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF  
• Sunday services:  
- 8:30 a.m. at AMR  
- 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex  
- 11 a.m. at TAMC  
• Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at Soldiers’ Chapel and 12 p.m., TAMC

**Gospel Worship**  
• Sunday, noon. at MPC  
• Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

**Islamic Prayers and Study**  
• Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex  
• Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC  
• Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

**Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)**  
• Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

**Pagan (Wicca)**  
• Friday, 7 p.m. at Wheeler Annex

**Protestant Worship**  
• Sunday Services  
- 9 a.m. at MPC  
- 9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel  
- 10 a.m. at HMR  
- 10:30 a.m. at AMR  
- 11:30 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)  
- 11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)

**Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)**  
• Sunday, 10 a.m. at WAAF

## community Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

**4 / Saturday**  
**North Shore Ocean Fest** — This 5th annual community family event focuses around ocean and marine life education. From 11 a.m.-4 p.m., June 4, at Turtle Bay Resort, North Shore Ocean Fest will feature more than 30 educational booths with activities for families, live music, keiki hula performances, student art and poetry presentation, food booths, arts and crafts vendors, and a silent auction.  
More than 3,000 people attended last year. This year’s event also honors World Oceans Day.

**SB Kolekole** — The walking-hiking trail is closed on this weekend, June 4-5, due to live-fire training.

**Sunset Mele on the Rooftop** — Special screening of “Star Wars, The Force Awakens” highlights the special “Star Wars”-themed evening at the Hawaii Convention Center, which begins with food booths, crafts and entertainment at 4:30 p.m. Visit Facebook.com/HawaiiConven

ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA  
BCT: Brigade Combat Team  
BSB: Brigade Support Battalion  
Co.: Company  
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services  
EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program  
FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare

and Recreation  
FRG: Family Readiness Group  
FS: Fort Shafter  
HMR: Helemano Military Reservation  
IPC: Island Palm Communities  
PFC: Physical Fitness Center  
SB: Schofield Barracks  
SKIES: Schools of Knowledge,

Inspiration, Exploration and Skills  
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center  
USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii  
USARHAW: United States Army Hawaii  
USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific  
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

## This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater



**The Huntsman: Winter’s War (PG-13)**

Fri., June 3, 7 p.m.

**The Jungle Book (PG)**

Sat., June 4, 4 p.m.  
Sun., June 5, 5 p.m.



**Keanu (R)**

Sat., June 4, 7 p.m.

(Closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

**Calendar abbreviations**  
8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command  
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division  
ACS: Army Community Service  
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan  
AFTB: Army Family Team Building  
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation



# Sea Dragons engage, become keiki role models

Story and photos by  
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94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICK-AM — Soldiers from the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command recently participated in the sixth annual Linapuni Elementary School Field Day.

The Sea Dragons joined forces with school keiki as part of the U.S. Army Hawaii School Partnership Program that allows Soldiers to create positive bonds between Hawaii’s public schools and Army units.

“Our partnership with the 94th AAMDC is very important because the Soldiers serve as positive role models for our students,” said Cindy Sunahara, school principal. “Their presence today made our field day a very special occasion.”

The partnership between Linapuni and the 94th AAMDC also provides an occasion to help children learn about the military.

“A lot of our students come from needy families and single-parent families. This partnership allows the keiki to get a good role model,” said Susan Kondo, the school’s Parent Community Networking Center facilitator. “They meet the Soldiers and get exposure to why the military is here and what they do. They



**Spc. D’Andre Ward, an information technology specialist for the 94th AAMDC, helps a student dunk during the Linapuni Elementary School Field Day.**



**Students from Linapuni Elementary School join the Soldiers of the 94th AAMDC in a celebratory group high-five at the end of a successful Linapuni Elementary School Field Day, May 20, as part of the U.S. Army Hawaii School Partnership Program where Army units engage with Hawaii’s public school children.**

learn to appreciate the military and learn to be grateful for the freedoms they have.”

### Getting physical

The field day allowed the Soldiers to introduce physical activities and fitness-inspired games to the kids, which is beneficial to everybody involved.

“The field day benefits the students because it emphasizes the importance of health and physical fitness and the positive benefits it can have on their life,” said Spc. Stanley Fields, an intelligence analyst and the current 94th AAMDC Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, who also serves as the unit’s liaison with the school.

“The field day also benefits the Soldiers because it allows us to give back to the community that supports us, and also opens our eyes to just how much our presences means to a very special group of children who look up to us,” he added.

The school-wide event has evolved over the years, and the students now look forward to the field day.

“Now the kids know the military is coming and gets excited,” shared Kondo. “The first time it was quiet, but now the kids are yelling and chanting and having fun.”

The kids are not the only ones who are excited. The Sea Dragons are also happy to volunteer their personal time at Linapuni.

“I volunteer because children have

zero control over their circumstances, and despite that, they get up every morning and go to school and give it their absolute best. I’m always willing to help those who do their best to help themselves,” shared Fields.

“In addition, we are role models to these kids,” he said, “which is a responsibility I take very seriously and will do my



**Sgt. Stanley Fields, an intelligence analyst, 94th AAMDC, and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year demonstrates the Army’s Physical Readiness Training program. at the Linapuni Elementary Field Day.**

part to ensure they have a positive perception of the military and understand that we truly care about their well-being.”

“I volunteered for the simple fact that I love kids,” said Staff Sgt. Rian Phidd, a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 94th AAMDC. “I especially love to see the expressions on their little faces when you show them that you really care.”

“I believe that other Soldiers should volunteer to get the experience and to potentially feel the same type of compassion that I did,” continued Phidd.

Fields agreed with the sentiment. “Soldiers should volunteer because it will put into perspective the true meaning of selfless service and what it means to contribute time to a cause that’s much bigger than yourself,” Fields said.

The partnership between the Sea Dragons and Linapuni Elementary will continue to grow.

“We love our partnership with the 94th AAMDC. We cannot imagine not having them helping out with our other school-wide events, such as the Halloween pumpkin carving and our Aloha Assembly,” said Sunahara.

“Thank you so much to the 94th AAMDC Soldiers for volunteering their time at our major school-wide event,” expressed Sunahara. “We look forward to continuing our partnership with the 94th AAMDC because definitely, ‘it takes a whole village to educate a child.’”



# TAMC mobilizes neo-natal emergency infant care

**WILLIAM SALLETTE**  
Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs  
HONOLULU — More than 250 infants are born at Tripler Army Medical Center every month, many who require no special treatment.

However, a small percentage of infants are born with difficulties that require specialized care, and they need to be transported to specialty clinics throughout the country.

TAMC is prepared and annually transports about six infants a year.

Recently, the TAMC staff conducted a difficult transport involving an infant who required a special type of gas called Nitric Oxide while being transported, and the TAMC staff had never needed to use the gas during a transport before.

Nitric Oxide is a special blend of gas used to assist in the oxygenation of blood by dilating the blood vessels for an easier transfer of oxygen to the blood.

“The infant’s blood flow from the heart to the lungs was being impeded and regurgitating back into the heart,” said Maj. Aaron Clark, neo-natologist with the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit. “The use of this gas allowed the doctors to lower the blood pressure in the lungs, which aided the blood from the heart to



Photo courtesy of Mila French, TAMC, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

**A premature infant is secured with a ventilator and everything the baby will need during an emergency transport to a pediatric cardiologist in San Diego. The TAMC staff conducts approximately six to eight transports each year to specialty clinics throughout the country.**

flow into the lungs where it could receive oxygen.”

Once notified of this unique transport, Sgt. Matthew Mault and Sgt. Rebecca Proffit, respiratory care specialists with the TAMC Respiratory Care Clinic, fashioned a plan to attach essential respiratory equipment to the transport ventilator. “There is only so much room on the

ventilator, and we aren’t the only ones attaching things to it,” said Mault. “The NICU has their equipment, and it is just a matter of figuring out where and how it will all go on, but we made it happen.”

Infants usually require transport a week or more after birth. In this case it had to be done immediately. “Since we don’t usually transport

infants so soon after birth, this trip was a little scary,” said Proffitt. “It took a little while to get her stabilized in the transport ventilator, but once she was, she was perfect the rest of the trip.”

Commonly, when a patient is transported to another facility, the crew, which includes a doctor, nurse and respiratory care specialist, accompany them. However, on this particular trip, the staff felt it was necessary to double that crew.

“The reason we doubled the crew ... was two-fold,” said Clark. “The infant was very sick and an extra set of hands was definitely needed, but these transports aren’t common, so it gave us an opportunity to train additional nurses and doctors on transport procedures.”

This transport was unique: Within 24 hours the TAMC staff birthed a newborn, stabilized the infant, prepared a ventilator for transfer with a special type of gas and was in the air headed to see a specialist on the West Coast.

“We conducted training many years ago on this type of transport, but never had a patient that needed it,” said Robert Berger, chief of Respiratory Care Services. “It was great seeing the team come together ... to research, build and then make this happen.”